

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall, Bloomington, Indiana on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:30pm with Council President Dorothy Granger presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.	COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION May 2, 2018
Roll Call: Ruff, Sturbaum, Chopra, Piedmont-Smith, Granger, Volan, Sandberg, Sims, Rollo Members Absent: None	ROLL CALL [6:31pm]
Council President Dorothy Granger gave a summary of the agenda.	AGENDA SUMMATION [6:32pm]
Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018. The motion was approved by voice vote.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES [6:32pm] January 17, 2018 (Regular Session)
Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of March 21, 2018. The motion was approved by voice vote.	March 21, 2018 (Regular Session)
Granger said the city had started its budget process and encouraged people to stay engaged.	REPORTS
Councilmember Allison Chopra noted that the eastside K-Mart store was set for development.	• COUNCIL MEMBERS [6:33pm]
Councilmember Andy Ruff noted that due to the hard winter parts of the old brick roads had become visible.	
Doris Sims, Director of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department (HAND), presented the Annual Report of the Housing Development Fund (HDF) to the Council.	• The MAYOR AND CITY OFFICES [6:39pm]
Councilmember Dave Rollo asked what rates the city charged for refinancing loans.	
D. Sims said the competitive rates were lower than what would be issued from a financial institution. She said in this case, the rate was 4%.	
Councilmember Steve Volan asked if the HDF was a repository for funds and was not meant to be an endowment.	
D. Sims said that was correct and that the purpose of the fund was to help developers bridge the funding gap they might have while building affordable housing in the community.	
Volan asked if D. Sims foresaw the city depositing money into the fund or if it was just money from developers.	
D. Sims said the city was looking into ways to fund the HDF.	
Granger asked what fees could be used to fund the HDF.	
D. Sims gave several examples, including application fees.	
Chopra asked if 100% of the applicants were approved for additional funding and if there were any people who spoke to D. Sims about the process who did not apply.	
D. Sims said all of the developers who spoke to her submitted an application.	
Scott Robinson, Assistant Director of Planning and Transportation, introduced Eric Haggett of Desman Design Management. Haggett gave a report of the parking study and presented recommendations to the Council.	

Scott Wells spoke about corruption in county government.

- PUBLIC [7:26pm]

Mark Haggerty spoke about poor reporting in the newspaper regarding the opioid crisis. He also read a poem.

Tonia Matthews read a poem and provided several poems for the Councilmembers to read at a later time.

Jim Blickensdorf, Chair of the Parking Commission, spoke to the Council about the parking study and proposals from the Parking Commission.

Sturbaum moved and it was seconded to approve and ratify the following mayoral appointments to the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC). The names of the appointees were as follows and the term or terms were set forth in the document, which was prepared by the Office of the City Clerk and attached to the minutes. Lee Sandweiss, Doug Bruce, Chris Sturbaum, Sam DeSollar, John Saunders, Flavia Burrell, Jeff Goldin, and Leslie Abshier.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
[7:36pm]

Piedmont-Smith asked if all of the appointees were from the Mayor.

Sturbaum said that was correct.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the only appointment made by the Council was Sturbaum.

Sturbaum said that he was a Mayoral appointment. He said that all of the Council appointments were advisory members only.

Piedmont-Smith asked what would happen if the Council did not approve a Mayoral appointment.

Sturbaum said that the person would not be allowed to serve on the commission.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the Council had veto power.

Sturbaum said that was correct.

Volan asked if there was a Council Ex-Officio position on the HPC that the Mayor had to fill.

Sturbaum said there was not.

Volan asked if the statute was new or if it was something that the Council had not been acting on.

Sturbaum said it was an old statute that the Council used to act on and then fell out of practice.

Volan asked if Interview Team A would bring concerns regarding the Mayor's appointments to the rest of the Council.

Sturbaum said yes.

Granger asked if the eight members constituted the full membership of the HPC.

Sturbaum said there was one Mayoral vacancy and several Council advisory positions.

Volan asked when the appointments expired.

Sturbaum said the appointments were staggered.

Chopra said that the non-approvals were inadvertent on the part of the Council.

Sturbaum said it was good work by the Clerk's office to catch the issue.

Volan asked about the capital replacement fund in the Controller's office.

Appropriation Ordinance 18-01
(cont'd)

Council Questions:

Underwood explained that the funds would be used to replace the vehicles with the highest priority citywide. He said the Controller's office was trying to ascertain which vehicles needed to be replaced. He said the goal was to replace as many vehicles as possible.

Rollo asked about the lifespan of the HVAC system for the building.

Underwood said that it was typically a 10-15 year life cycle for the system.

Rollo asked for a follow-up report with the efficiency gains in the future.

Underwood said the city was continuing to try to increase the efficiency of the building.

Chopra asked if the Community and Family Resources Department (CFRD) diversity training could be expanded to the entire city.

Underwood said that the training was for the entire city, and that the CFRD staff was going to assist the Human Resources Department.

Chopra asked if it would include implicit bias training.

Underwood said that it would. He noted that there had also been requests for training from the Police Department.

Chopra asked if the \$57,000 requested by the Fire Department (BFD) would be enough for the requested building updates.

Underwood said there was not a specific major project but several smaller ones.

Piedmont-Smith asked if it was the only opportunity for the Council to appropriate reversion funds.

Underwood said that it was not and that the funds would reside in the general fund.

Granger asked about the three vehicles listed for replacement under the parking meter fund.

Underwood said they were the last three vehicles in that fleet that needed to be replaced.

Granger asked how trailers, barricades, and other miscellaneous equipment were appropriate to purchase out of that fund.

Underwood said they would be used for school crossings or for parking issues within two blocks of the parking meter zone.

Volan asked if the \$57,000 requested by BFD was the entirety of the needed repairs or if it was in addition to previously requested funds.

Underwood said it was to supplement funds in the capital replacement budget for 2018.

Granger asked if the \$14,000 transfer from HAND to the Jack Hopkins Fund was from 2017.

Underwood said that was correct.

Rollo asked about grant funding that was listed for Animal Care and Control.

Underwood explained that it was funding that had been received late in 2017 but never appropriated.

Rollo asked if it was a grant that Animal Care and Control could apply for again.

Underwood said that the department was always looking for additional funding.

Councilmember Susan Sandberg said she was glad to see the reversions and asked the Parks and Recreation Department to make the Buskirk-Chumley Theater a priority in the future.

Appropriation Ordinance 18-01
(cont'd)

Volan thanked Underwood again for the additional detail and said he was encouraged to hear that the city was moving toward program budgeting.

The motion to adopt Part One of Appropriation Ordinance 18-01 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Vote on Part One of Appropriation Ordinance 18-01 [8:18pm]

The motion to adopt Part Two of Appropriation Ordinance 18-01 as amended received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 (Sims).

Vote on Part Two of Appropriation Ordinance 18-01 [8:18pm]

There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

Volan moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 18-02 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bolden read the legislation by title and synopsis, giving the committee do-pass recommendation of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

Appropriation Ordinance 18-02 –
Additional Appropriation for
Bloomington Transportation
Corporation for 2018 (for Two
Buses and Studies)

Volan moved and it was seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 18-02 be adopted.

Lew May, Director of Bloomington Transit, presented the legislation to the Council.

Rollo asked if there were other buses that were nearing retirement and would be eligible for federal support.

Council Questions:

May said there was an ongoing replacement cycle for the fleet. He said Transit had additional buses that were due for replacement over the next three years and Transit would pursue federal grants for the expenses.

Rollo asked what happened to the old vehicles.

May said that they were usually sold at auction.

Piedmont-Smith asked if all the buses except those for Routes 6 and 9 were hybrid vehicles.

May said that about eight buses of the fleet were hybrid vehicles. He noted that they did not run the hybrids on Routes 6 and 9 because the buses were too high to pass under the 10th Street railroad overpass.

Piedmont-Smith asked why they were not being used everywhere possible.

May said that was a policy decision that they were looking into because the technology was evolving rapidly.

Piedmont-Smith asked if the city was investing in old technology.

May said the diesel vehicles were purchased for the routes that had overpasses. He said the hybrid vehicles would not fit under the railroad overpass.

APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 30th day of May, 2018.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Isabel Piedmont-Smith

~~Dorothy Granger~~, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Vice Pres.

N. Bolden

Nicole Bolden, CLERK
City of Bloomington